

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 27

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing that the purpose of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 is to speed up Veterans Health Administration (VHA) processing for health care requests by allowing veterans who face wait times of more than 30 days, or live more than 40 miles from the nearest VHA facility capable of treating them, to receive treatment at a non-VHA community hospital, and requesting that James Brown, director of the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Honorable Robert A. McDonald, United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, take action to ensure the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 is being administered properly so that our veterans promptly receive the health care they have earned and deserve.

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February 11, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs & The Military.



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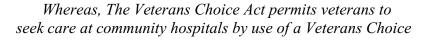
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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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1	Card when specialized care is unavailable or unreasonably
2	delayed at local VHA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics;
3	Whereas, During the process of obtaining authorization
4	to seek treatment locally through their Veterans Choice
5	Card, veterans face delays that defeat the purpose of the
6	Veterans Choice Act;
7	Whereas, Sending veterans out of state for treatment is
8	costly and inconvenient, delays treatment, and is a stressor
9	that negatively impacts health outcomes;
10	Whereas, It is the duty of the United States and the State
l 1	of Indiana to ensure that veterans promptly receive the care
12	they need for the sacrifices they have made defending our
13	nation; and
14	Whereas, The Veterans Choice Act attempted to alleviate
15	long wait times and provide convenient, first rate care for
16	our veterans, but has thus far failed to do so: Therefore,
17	Be it resolved by the Senate of the
18	General Assembly of the State of Indiana:
19	SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate requests
20	immediate action by both the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
21	and the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs to ensure the
22	effective administration of the Veterans Choice Act so that
23	veterans may quickly and easily access local health care options
24	when facing undue delay or long commutes.
25	SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by
26 27	the Principal Clerk of the Indiana State Senate to the Indiana Director of Veterans' Affairs and the U.S. Secretary of the
28	Department of Veterans Affairs.
20	Department of Veterans Attains.

